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January 23, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on January 23, 2007 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Rebekah Gewirtz, William Roche and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Maryann Heuston, Sean O'Donovan and William White as well as Election Commissioner Nicholas Salerno, Solicitor John Gannon, Finance Director Ed Bean and Stephanie Hirsch from Somerstat.

Mr. Salerno addressed the members regarding the upcoming special election and presented 3 possible schedules. After considering the options, the committee voted to approve Alderman Sullivan's motion to eliminate option 3C. Alderman Roche's motion to eliminate option 1C failed on a roll call vote of 1 in favor to 2 against. Alderman Sullivan's motion to eliminate option 3C was passed. Alderman Roche's motion to adopt option 2C and to amend the date of the final election from 5/22/07 to 5/15/07 was approved on a roll call vote of 3 in favor to 1 against.

Mr. Gannon addressed the members regarding various Home Rule petitions submitted by the city. Mr. Gannon told the members that the petition regarding public ways needs some clarification pertaining to liability and responsibility. He also stated that the petition regarding an open space and preservation linkage fund was killed in committee. Mr. Gannon read a memo from Senator Jared Barrios explaining the reasons for the denial.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 6 items:

182418: Communication from Election Commissioner - Submitting possible Special Election calendars for the Alderman At Large vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 1 in favor

182513: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to establish a Project Mitigation Contribution (Linkage) Program for Open Space

and Historic Preservation.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182514: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to establish a Municipal Open Space and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182515: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition granting legal authority to the Retirement Board to purchase and/or lease real property.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182516: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to amend Sections 40C and 40D of the City Charter regarding Divisions in the Dept. of Public Works.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

182519: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition to amend Section 21 of the City Charter to include the 311 Director and Water Dept. Operations Manager.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

COMMITTEE REPORT

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